



# WASHINGTON STATE MODERNISM

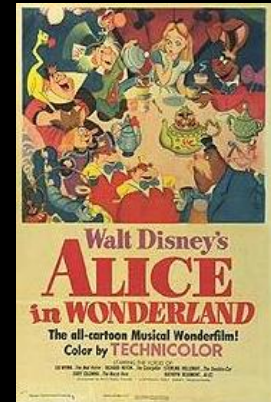
## Identification

## Evaluation

# Preservation

# 1951

- CBS transmits first color telecast.
- Measles vaccine and oral contraceptive pill are developed.
- Walt Disney releases fully animated Alice in Wonderland.



# 1953

- USSR detonates first hydrogen bomb.
- Homosexuals are banned from all federal jobs.
- Middle-class suburbanites account for 20% of US population.
- Almost 8 million families earn middle-class income (\$4,000 - \$7,000)
- First issue of Playboy is promoted as a “little diversion from the anxieties of the atomic age.
- “I Love Lucy” premieres on TV.

# 1954

- US Supreme Court declare school segregation illegal.
- 1.5 million new homes are built.
- 1.4 million power lawnmowers are sold
- 4 million babies are born in US.
- First TV dinner is marketed.





# 1955

- Number of US automobile registrations doubles since end of WWII.
- Subdivisions account for over 75% of all new housing in US.
- Disneyland opens in Anaheim
- Radcliffe president greets incoming women freshmen by telling them “Your college education will prepare you to be splendid wives and mothers.”



# 1956

- National Defense Highway Act authorizes construction of 41,000 miles of new highways.
- Plastic contact lens is developed.
- 20,000 TV sets are sold per day in US.



# 1957

- USSR Launches Sputnik.

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# 1958

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is created.
- U.S. unemployment reaches postwar high.
- “Popeye the Sailor” premieres on television.
- The Hula hoop is marketed.



# 1959

- Fidel Castro become premier of Cuba.
- Alaska and Hawaii are granted statehood.
- Barbie Doll introduced.

# 1960

- U.S. U-2 spy plane is shot down over U.S.S. R.
- Berry Gordy founds the Motown “music Factory in Detroit, Michigan.
- John F. Kennedy is elected president.
- 1/3 of all the population in Washington is less than 15 years old.







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**High**

**Popular**

**Vernacular**





**Bandstand** Richland, c. 1964



**Bank** Seattle, c. 1963



**Golden  
Gavel Motel**  
Olympia,  
1958



**First Interstate Bank**  
Vancouver, c. 1967



**IBM Building** Spokane, 1961

A-Frame

Brutalism

Post Modern

New Formalism

Solid End Wall

Neo-Expressionism

International Style

MODERN

Shed

Mansard

MOVEMENT

Northwest Regional

Populuxe

Curtain Wall

Wrightian

Contemporary

Geodesic Dome

Miesian

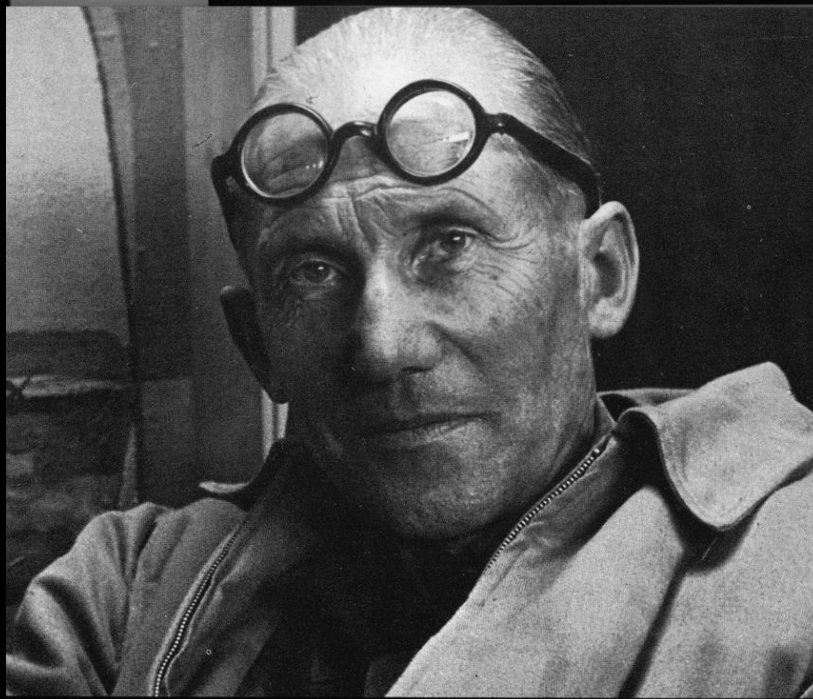
Deconstruction

Solid End Wall





**Mies van der Rohe**



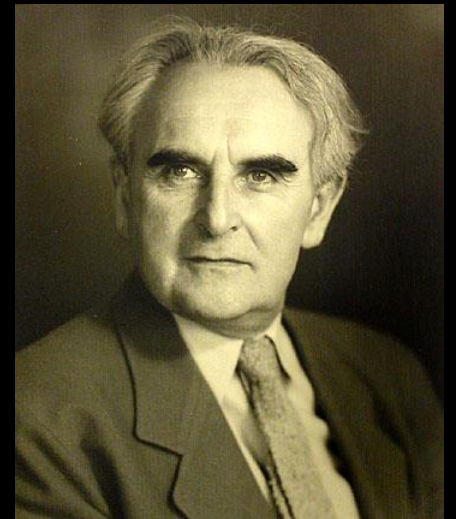
**Le Corbusier**



**Walter Gropius**



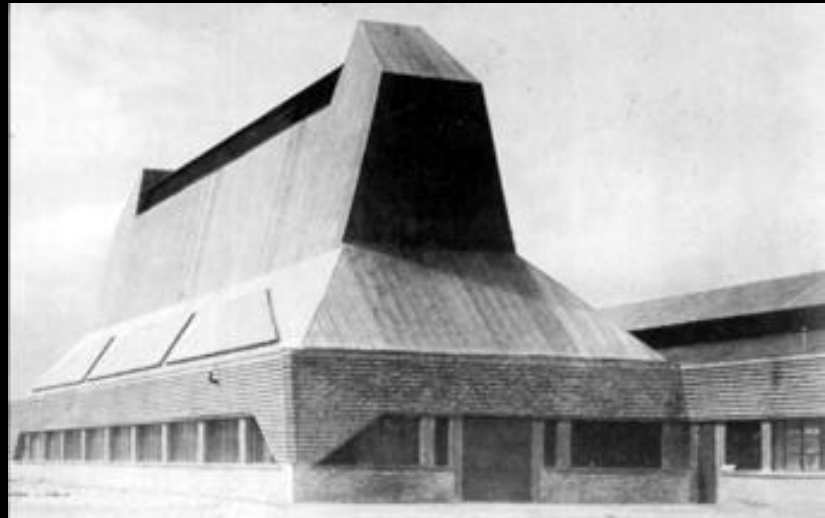
**Phillip Johnson**



**Richard Neutra**



**Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau** Le Corbusier, Paris, France, 1925



**Hat Factory** Eric Mendelsohn, Lukenwalde, Germany, 1921-23



**Melnikov Soviet Pavilion** Exposition of Decorative and industrial Arts Paris, 1925



**Schroder House** Thomas Gerrit Rietveld The Netherlands, 1924





**Reihenhäuser House**  
J.J.P. Oud, 1924



**Café Unie**  
Rotterdam, J. J. P. Oud, 1925



**Lovell Beach House**  
R.M. Schindler, 1925



**"Windshield" House** California  
Richard Neutra 1938



**Glass House**  
Philip Johnson New Canaan,  
Connecticut, 1949



**Marblecrete**



**Mosaic tile**



**Louvered Windows**



**Roman Brick**

**Windows that turn the corner**



**Massing and Roof form**







**Aluminum Awnings**



**"Breton Brut" Concrete**



**Curtain Wall**



**Space Age  
Light  
Fixture**

**Double Entry Door**





# INTERNATIONAL



**Bauhaus** Walter Gropius, Dessau, Germany, 1919-25



**House at Weissenhof** Le Corbusier, Stuttgart, Germany, 1927



**Villa Savoye** Le Corbusier Poissy, France, 1928-30



**PSFS Building** Howe and Lescaze, Philadelphia, PA, 1929-32



**Lovell Health House** Richard Neutra, Los Angeles, CA, 1927-29



**Capitol Center Apartments** Fred Rogers, Olympia, 1949



**Loyal Heights Elementary School**  
NBBJ Seattle, 1950



**Gateway Building** Vancouver, 1950



**GA Building A.** Gordon Lum, Olympia, 1956



**Welch Hall - Gonzaga** Spokane, c.1958





**Pacific Electric Co. Bldg** Vancouver, c. 1940



**Nash House** Paul Thiry, Olympia, 1941



**Hiser & Laura Hansen House**  
Aberdeen, 1939



**House** Seattle, c. 1940



# WW II ERA COTTAGE



House  
Aberdeen ,  
1946



Apartments Pullman , 1941



House Vancouver , 1946



House Olympia, 1948





House Vancouver , 1946



House Bremerton , c. 1948



House Vancouver , 1941



House Seattle , c. 1946



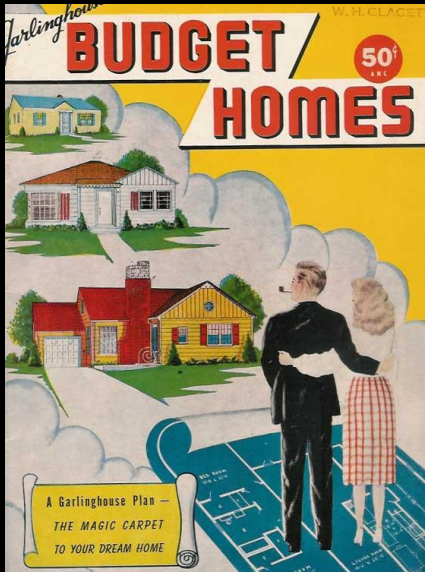
# MINIMAL TRADITIONAL



House Port Townsend, 1951



House Seattle, 1953



House Ephrata, 1948



House Seattle, 1954





House Vancouver, 1949

Duplex Longview, 1956

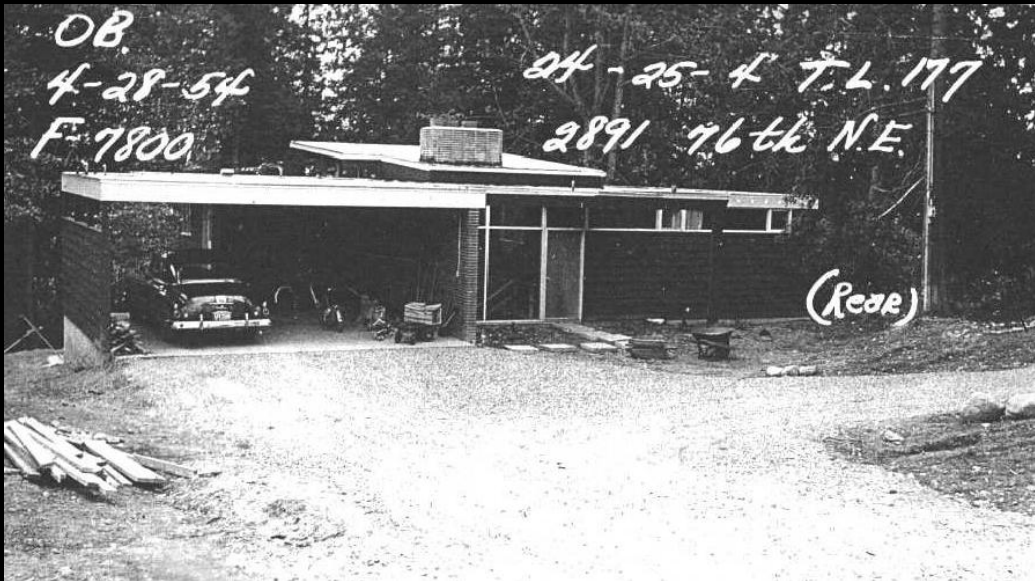


Donald & Irene Elliott House Olympia, 1948



House Lakewood, 1952





**House** Seattle, c. 1955

**400 Building** Parr & Assoc., Bellevue, 1968



**Denman House** Tucker & Shields, Seattle, 1957



**Walter Foltz House** Walter Foltz, Spokane, 1959





**Paul Thiry**



**Robert B. Price & Assoc.**



**Kenneth Brooks**



**Walter Hilborn Day**



**Paul Hayden Kirk**



**Victor Steinbrueck**





**Price House** Robert Price, Lakewood, 1957



**Cascade Natural Gas** Yakima, 1961



**Chinook Investment Company** Yakima, 1964



**Kalama High School** Kalama, c. 1968



# MEISIAN



**Seagram Building** Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, New York, 1954-58



**Crown Hall ITT** Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Chicago, IL 1950-56



**Farnsworth House** Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Plano, IL, 1946-50





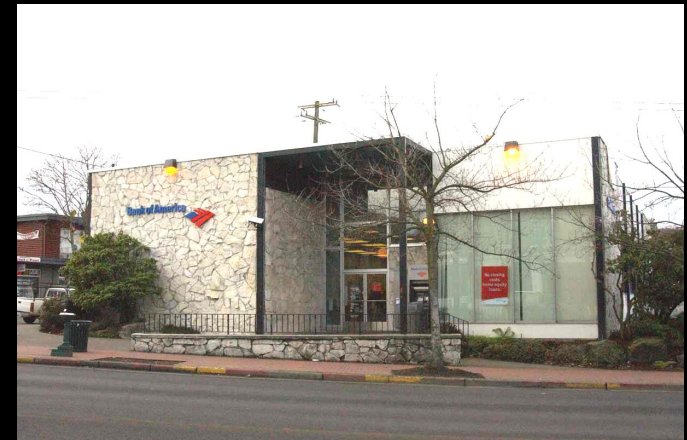
**Vancouver Federal Savings & Loan** Vancouver, 1960



**Tacoma Savings & Loan** Lea, Pearson & Richards, Tacoma 1956



**Capitol Center Building** Bennett & Olson, Olympia 1966



**Bank of America** Jones, Lovegren, Helms & Jones, Columbia City – Seattle, 1959





**Gordon & Jane Cornelius House** McClure & Adkison, Spokane 1951



**Benjamin & Roberta Weeks House** Nelsen, Sabin & Varey, Seattle 1961



**Pool house** Roland Terry, Highlands, Seattle 1965



**Dr. Herbert Cahn House** Carson & Kesterson, Richland 1961



# POPULUXE



Phillips 66 Station Parkland, c. 1960



PUD Prosser, 1956



Wolf's Supply Co. Vancouver, 1951



Dairy Queen Seattle, c. 1961



Joint Council of Teamster's Seattle, c. 1958



**Shemwell House** Colax, 1956



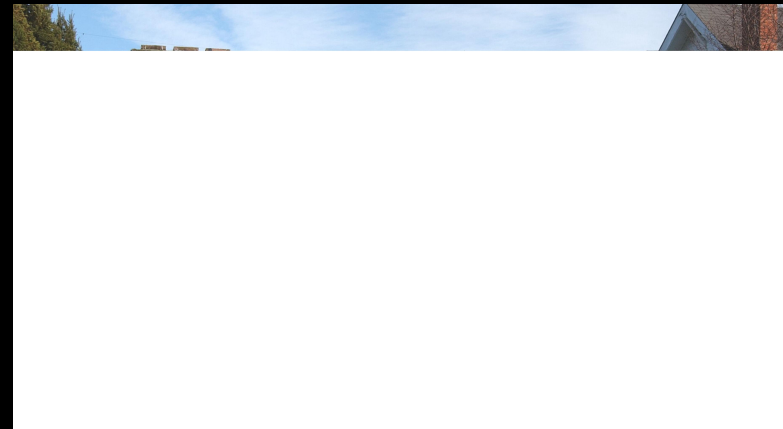
**House** Seattle, 1955



**House** Olympia, c. 1957



**House** McNary Dam, c. 1957



**House** Port Angeles, c. 1959



# NEO- EXPRESIONISM



**Notre Dame du Haut** Le Corbusier, Ronchamp,  
France, 1955



**Einstein Tower** Erich Mendelsohn, near  
Potsdam, Germany, 1919



**Sydney Opera House** Jørn Utzon,  
Sydney, Australia, 1957-73



**TWA Terminal** Eero Saarinen, New York, NY,  
1956-62



**Capital Savings & Loan** Sibold & Nesland, Olympia, 1963



**Richland Lutheran Church** Funk, Murray & Johnson, Richland, 1967



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Wenatchee, c. 1969



**Olympia City Hall** Robert Wohleb, Olympia, 1963





**Auto dealership** Everett, c. 1960



**Vancouver Orthopedic Group Clinic**  
Cassady & Associates, Vancouver,  
1965

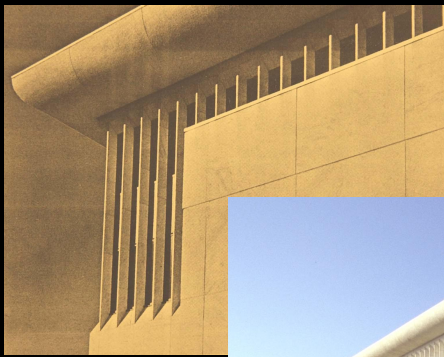


**Ekle Bell Jr. House** Kennewick, 1969

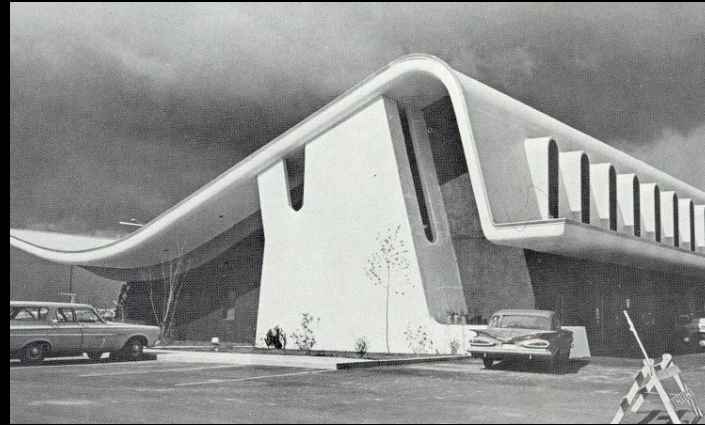


**Dressler & Pearce Hall - EWU**  
Cheney, 1966

# Warren Heylman



Federal Bldg  
Wenatchee



Spokane  
International  
Airport  
Spokane, 1965



Whitman Co. Library Colfax, 1960



Parkade  
Spokane  
1967



# NEW FORMALISM



**Kennedy Center** Edward D. Stone, Washington DC, 1971



**Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium, Wayne State University** Minoru Yamasaki, Detroit, MI, 1955-59



**Amon Carter Museum** Philip Johnson, Fort Worth TX, 1961



**US Science Pavilion**  
Minoru Yamaski,  
Seattle, 1962



**Dry Falls Interp. Center**  
Coulee City, 1966



**Bon Marche** Tacoma, c. 1962



**Big Bend Community College** Cassady & Assoc.,  
Moses Lake, 1968





**Aberdeen Public Library** Decker, Kolb & Stansfield, Aberdeen, 1965



**Banner Bank**  
Kennewick, c. 1962



**Callam Co. PUD** John Harrison Rudolph, Port Angeles, 1966



**City Hall** Nelson, Walla & Dolle, Vancouver, 1966





**Bank Vancouver**, c. 1967



**National Bank of Washington** Cowen, Paddock & Hollingbery, Yakima, 1968



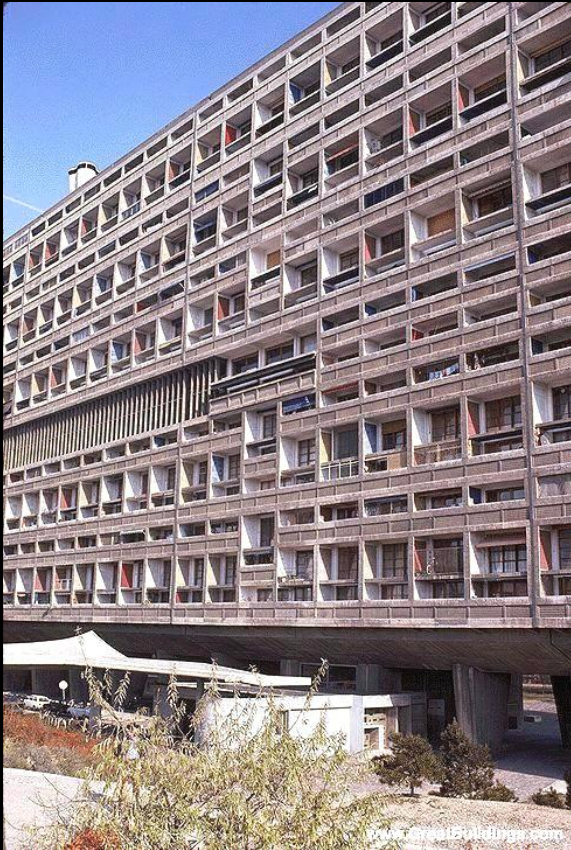
**Bank Aberdeen**, c. 1966



**Bank Parkland**, c. 1968



# BRUTALISM



**Unite d' Habitation** Le Corbusier,  
Marseilles, France, 1946-52



**Hunstanton School** Peter & Alison Smithson,  
Norfolk, UK, 1949-54



**Boston City Hall** Kallmann, McKinnell and  
Knowles, Boston, 1963-68





**Christ Episcopal Church Paul Thiry, Tacoma, 1970**



**Psychology Building CWU Grant, Copeland, Chervenak, Ellensburg, 1972**



**State Parking Garage Warren Brown, Olympia, 1958**





**Prosser Public Library** Doudna & Williams, Prosser 1972



**Bank of California  
Annex John  
Graham &  
Assoc.,  
Tacoma,  
1964**



**IBM Building** Business Space Design,  
Olympia, 1975



**Pence Student Union Building EWU**  
Brooks, Hensley, Creager, Cheney, 1971



# WRIGHTIAN



**Price Tower** FLLW, Bartlesville,  
Oklahoma, 1952-56



**Marin Civic Center** FLLW, San Rafael,  
California, 1957



**Florida Southern College** FLLW, Lakeland, Florida, 1938-51





**Church of Later Day Saints** Clifford Dobson,  
Bellevue, 1962



**Don Pickney House**  
Aberdeen 1975



**Bank of Vancouver** Vancouver 1961



**Massachusetts St. House**  
Milton Stricker, Seattle c. 1970





House Centralia, 1919



Joseph Paris House Port Angeles, 1920



House Olympia, 1927





**PN Bell Telephone Building** A.H. Albertson & Assoc., Vancouver, 1934



**Everett Public Library** Bebb & Gould Everett, 1934



**House Kennewick**, 1937



# A-FRAME



House Vancouver, 1965



House Kennewick, 1963



House Olympia, 1965



House Stehekin, 1971





Dr,  
Hellyer's  
Cabin  
Olympia,  
1958

Good Shepard  
Lutheran Church  
Richland, 1967



Auto Dealership Olympia c. 1972



Select Inn Spokane, c. 1969





**Cabin** Hood Canal, c. 1962



**Cabins** Mason County, c. 1964



**Grace Lutheran Church** Vancouver, 1959

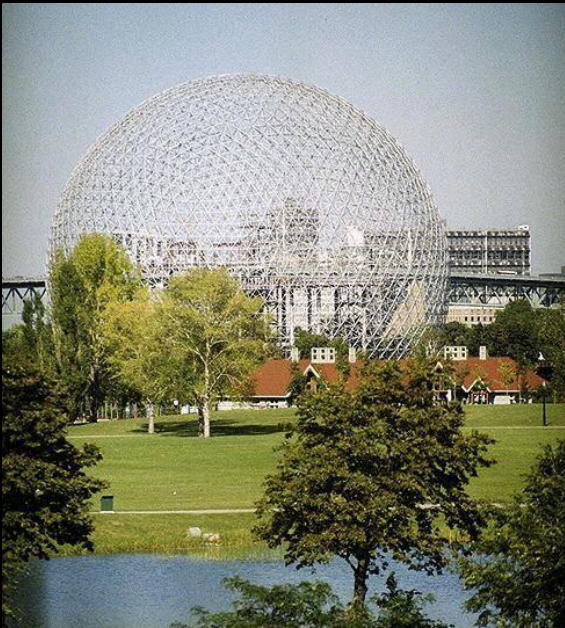


**Recreation Cabin** Mt. Rainier, c. 1959



**Ford Rotunda Dome** Buckminster  
Fuller, Detroit , Michigan, 1953

# GEODESIC DOME



**US Pavilion at Expo '67** Buckminster  
Fuller, Montreal, Canada, 1967



**Epcot Center** Buckminster Fuller,  
Orlando, Florida, 1967



**Tacoma Dome**  
Tacoma, 1981-83



**Deitrich  
Activity Center**  
Walla Walla,  
1977



**Office  
Tacoma**



**House Port Townsend**



**House Clarkston**



**House Moses Lake**

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"Canadian Workshop" March, 1989 [Full Review](#)



**State Library** Paul Thiry,  
Olympia, 1959



**St. Joseph's Hospital Bertram**  
Goldberg Associates, Tacoma, 1974







**Washington Water Power Company,  
Central Service Facility** Kenneth Brooks and  
Bruce Walker, Spokane, 1959



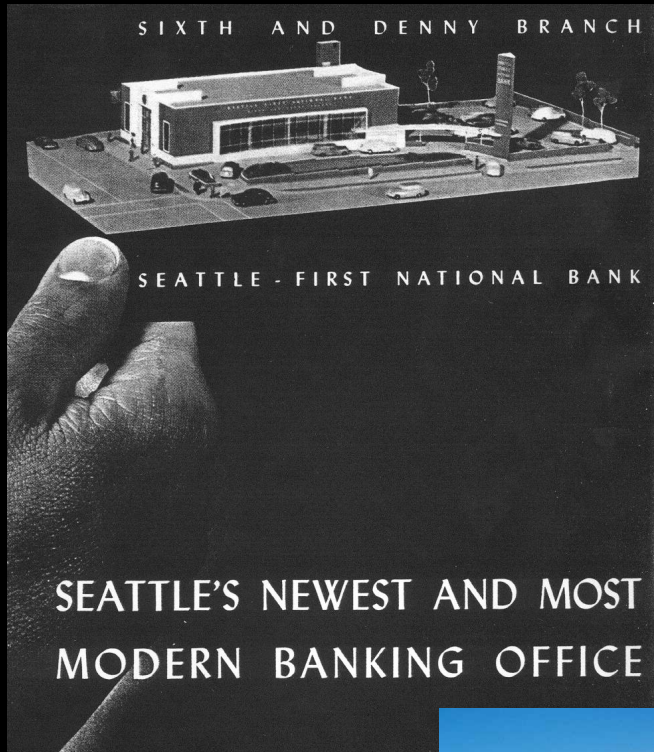
**Weyerhaeuser  
Headquarters**  
SOM, Federal Way, 1971

**Dr. Frederick Fisher House**  
Richard Neutra, Spokane 1951





# Seattle First National Bank Statewide



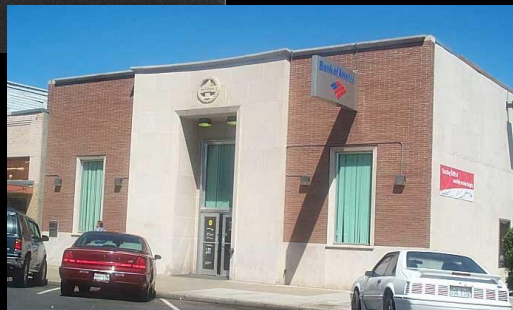
Olympia



Seattle



Richland



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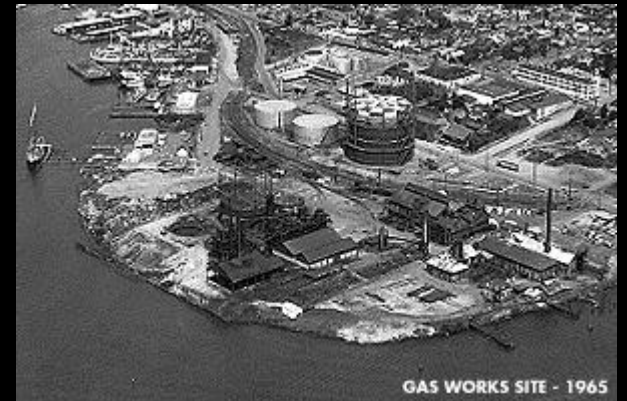
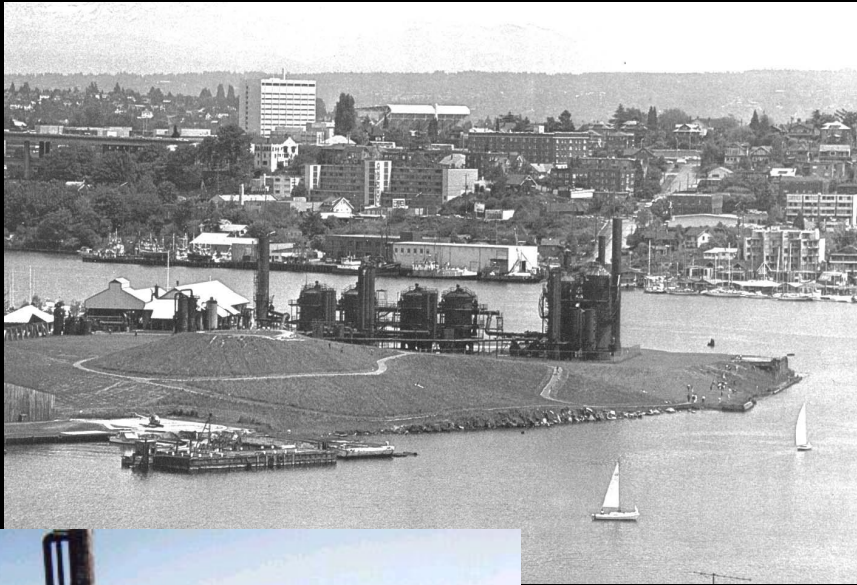


Bremerton



# Gas Works Park

## Seattle, Washington





## Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Lodge - 1950

Young, Richardson,  
Carleton & Detlie,  
Maple Valley, 1950







**Kenneth & Edna  
Brooks House –  
1956/63**

Kenneth Brooks, Spokane







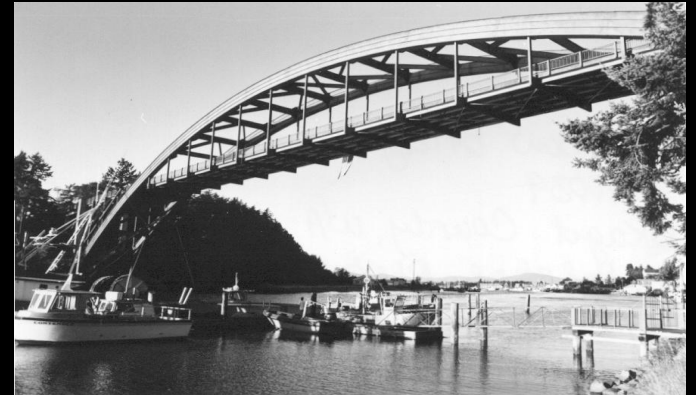
**Benton City - Kiona Bridge** Benton City Kiona, 1957



**Esmeralda Green Street Bridge** Spokane, 1955



**Columbia River Bridge** The Dalles, 1953



**Rainbow Bridge** La Conner, 1957





Alaskan Way Viaduct - 1960



Lake Washington Ship Canal Bridge - 1961

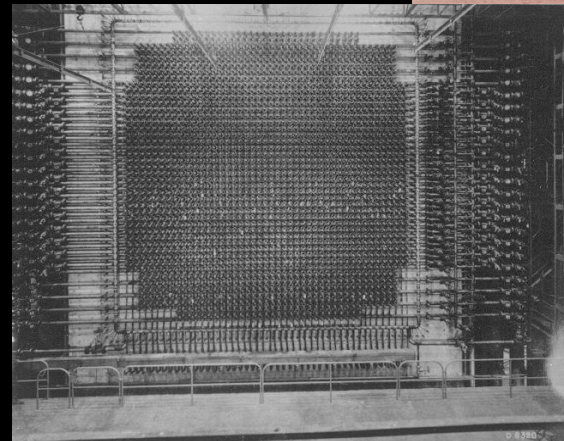
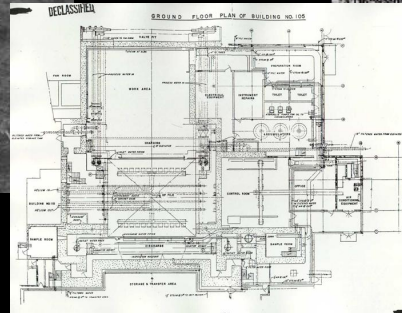
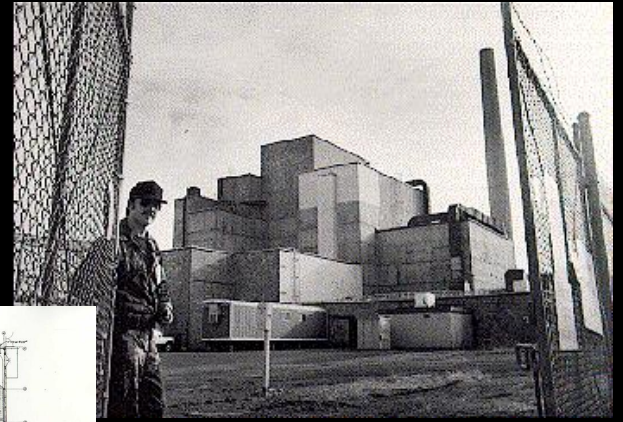
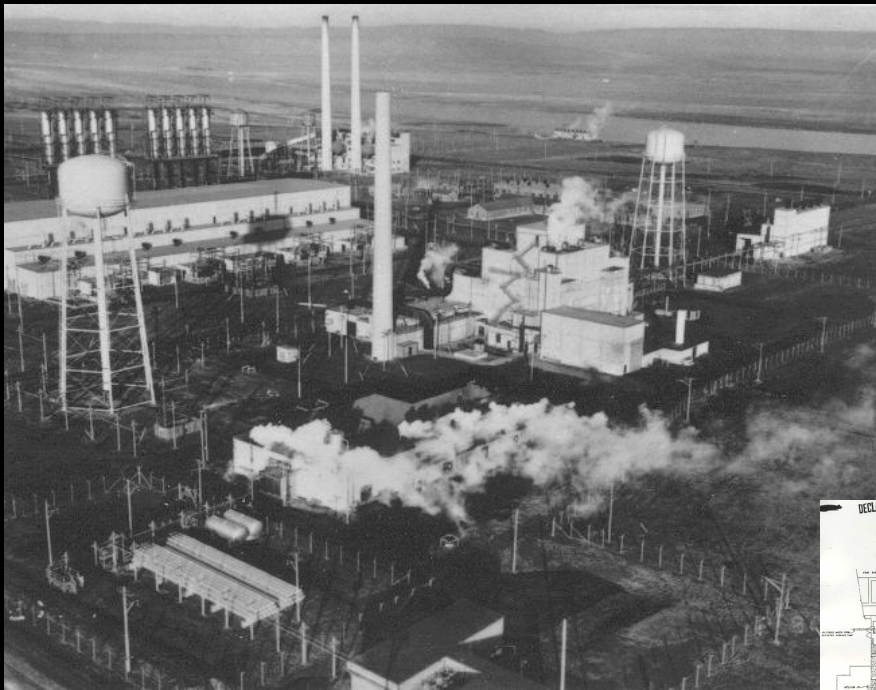
N. 102nd Street Pedestrian Bridge - 1960





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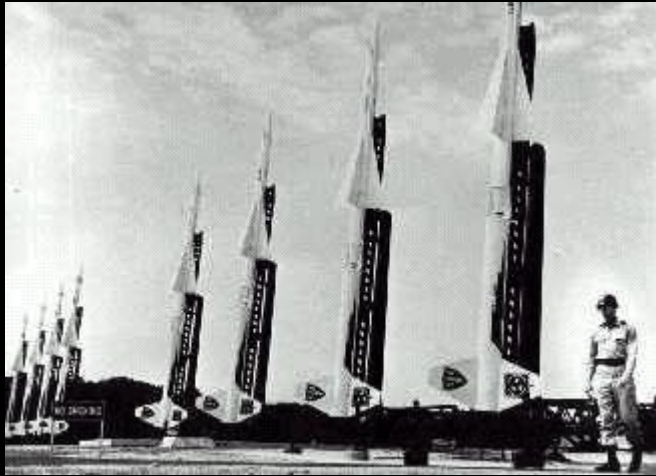
Richland, Washington





# Nike Ajax Integrated Fire Control Area

Renton, Washington



# Public Safety Building - 1951

NBBJ



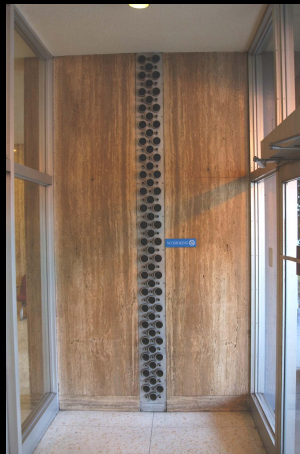
1909 Public Safety Building





# Seattle Municipal Building - 1959

Damm, Daum and Associates, J.N. MacCarmmon & Assoc.





# Seattle Main Public Library - 1959

Bindon & Wright; Decker, Christensen & Kitchin



Seattle Main Public Library Seattle, Rem Koolhaas, 2004





# Kingdome - 1976

NBBJ, Seattle, WA







**Architects Office** Paul Hayden Kirk, Seattle, 1964

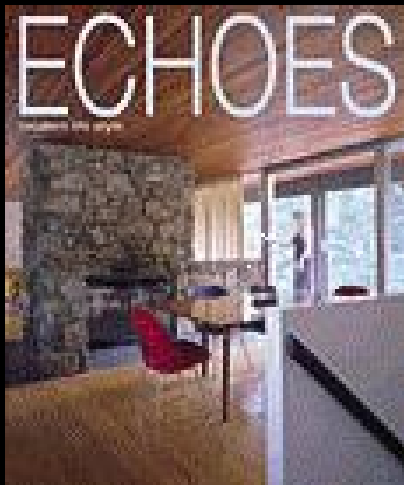


**Concrete Engineers Inc.** Robert B. Price, Tacoma, 1964



**Main Library** Harvey Vernier, Moses Lake, 1964





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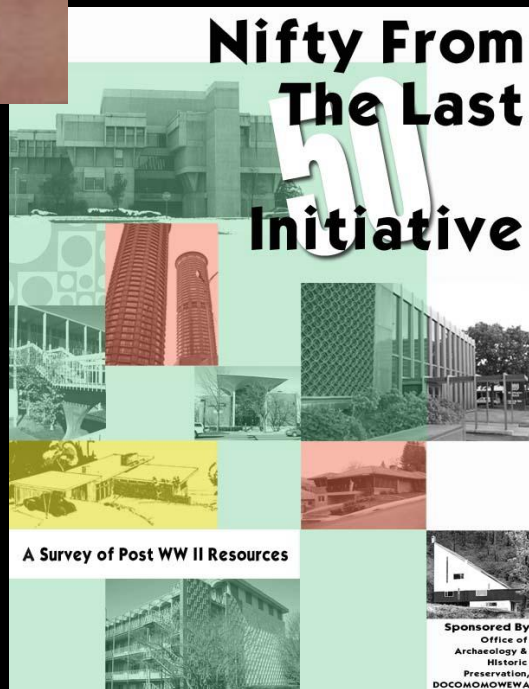
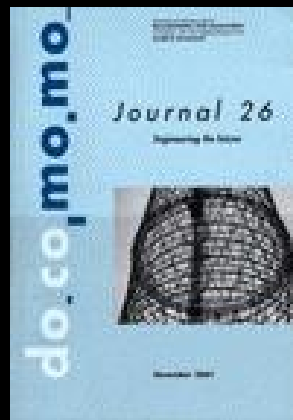
Decisions

**Decisions**

covered one "new owner," although the catalog illustrations generally showed detached groups behind the houses. The bedrooms were pushed a half-story above the attached "wing" garage. Some houses in Chicago's South Side were experimental with split-level houses in the late 1950s, bringing about the first broad use of the idea, although it apparently remained a mostly regional phenomenon for another decade or more.

The split-level gathered steam slowly while the country recovered from wartime shortages of building materials and labor. Then, suddenly, in the mid-1950s, the new trend "split-level" became the hottest item in the repertoire of an array of suburban developers, especially in the populous Northeast. By 1955 the split-level was clearly the new house of choice in the New York suburbs of Long Island and New Jersey and a top-



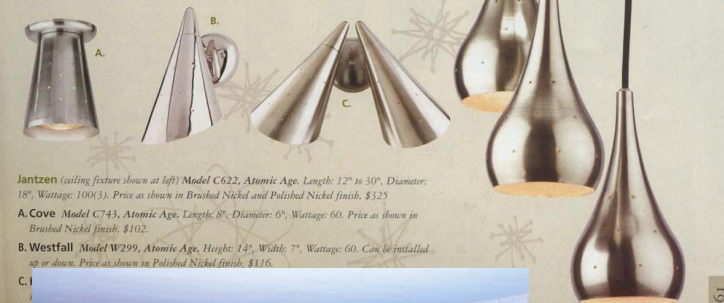


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Jantzen (ceiling fixture shown at left) Model C622, Atomic Age. Length: 12" to 30", Diameter: 18". Wattage: 100(3). Price as shown in Brushed Nickel and Polished Nickel finish, \$325

A. Cove Model C743, Atomic Age. Length: 8", Diameter: 6", Wattage: 60. Price as shown in Brushed Nickel finish, \$102.

B. Westfall Model W299, Atomic Age. Height: 14", Width: 7", Wattage: 60. Can be installed up or down. Price as shown in Polished Nickel finish, \$116.



1955 1960





**Egan House** Robert Richert, Seattle, 1957



**Federal Building** Culler, Gale, Martell, Norri & Davis and Funk, Murray & Johnson 1965



**Radio Shack** Cle Elum, c. 1963



**St. Charles Catholic Church** Funk, Murray & Johnson, Spokane, 1959



**Apartment** Vancouver, 1975





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